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Source description: The Chilean blue mussel (*Mytilus chilensis*) is one of the most cultivated and marketed marine bivalves of the *Mytilus* genus. It is one of the top five mollusc species produced worldwide¹ and is widely appreciated for its nutritional value and use in prepared food.^{1,2} In spite of its commercial importance, genetic resources for this species are limited. Here, we describe 16 polymorphic microsatellite markers. Pyrosequencing using a 454 GS Junior instrumentation yielded 9976 sequences with an average read length of 384 bp (Accession No. SAMN04158627) and allowed for the design of primers for 115 *in silico* microsatellite loci (Table S1). Eighty-nine microsatellite loci were tested for amplification in *M. chilensis* ($n = 15$), 17 of which were validated.

PCR conditions and genotyping: Microsatellite genotyping was performed using the M13-tailed primer method.³ PCR amplifications were carried out in 15- μ l reactions containing 1 \times manufacturer's PCR buffer, 1.5–3.2 mM of MgCl₂, 0.2 mM of dNTPs, 0.16 μ M of primer reverse, 0.16 μ M of fluorescent-labelled universal M13 primer (6-FAM, VIC, NED or PET), 0.04 μ M of primer forward with M13 tail, 0.1 U of Taq polymerase (Thermo Scientific[®]) and 40–60 ng of genomic DNA. Thermal cycling parameters were initial denaturation at 95 °C for 2 min followed by 30 cycles of denaturation at 95 °C for 30 s, primer-specific annealing temperature for 30 s (Table S2), extension at 72 °C for 30 s, then eight additional cycles at 94 °C (30 s), 53 °C (45 s) to bind M13-labelled primer and 72 °C (45 s) with a final extension at 72 °C for 12 min. Amplicons labelled with different fluorescent dyes were pooled in one reaction tube and

run on an ABI-3130XL genetic analyser with LIZ GS-500 as an internal size standard (Applied Biosystems[®]). Alleles were scored with PEAK SCANNER v1.0 (Applied Biosystems[®]) and checked for possible genotyping errors with MICRO-CHECKER v2.2.3.⁴ Genetic diversity was assessed using CERVUS v3.0.⁵ Excluding the monomorphic *Mch07-Uch* marker, observed (H_O) and expected (H_E) heterozygosities ranged from 0 to 0.60 and from 0.26 to 0.95 respectively (Table S2). The number of alleles by locus (N_A) and polymorphism information content (PIC) ranged from 2 to 17 and from 0.062 to 0.915 respectively (Table S2).

We also tested the amplification of these markers in another eight mussel species: *Mytilus edulis* ($n = 16$), *Mytilus galloprovincialis* ($n = 16$), *Mytilus californianus* ($n = 7$), *Mytilus trossulus* ($n = 8$), *Choromytilus chorus* ($n = 8$), *Perumytilus purpuratus* ($n = 8$), *Semimytilus algosus* ($n = 8$) and *Aulacomya atra* ($n = 8$). The success rate ranged from 13 markers (*M. edulis*) to zero microsatellites (*S. algosus*) (Table S3).

We conclude that the markers we have developed show sufficient polymorphism for application in population genetic studies and paternity/maternity exclusion analysis.

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Table S1 Microsatellite loci identified *in silico* within the *Mytilus chilensis* 454 sequencing.

Table S2 Primer sequences and characteristics for 17 microsatellite loci validated for *Mytilus chilensis*.

Table S3 Number of alleles detected in the cross-amplification of microsatellite markers derived from the Chilean blue mussel in other mussel species. No amplification was observed for *Semimytilus algosus*.

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